

Golf Committee Meeting
April 12, 2016

Present: Greg Ferris, At-Large, Dr. Michael Williams, District I, Cindy Renard, District III, Debbie Burch, District VI, Shana Appelhanz, Steve Blaske, Troy Hendricks, Michelle Haun

Absent: Troy Palmer, President, Chair, Blaine Knott, District II, Leon Lungwitz, District IV, Richard Schodorf, District V

Meeting was called to order at 4:12pm.

Approval of Minutes from 3/1/2016

Approved, as is.

Rounds/Expenditures

Hendricks stated that rounds YTD are up 3%. Revenue is up 9%. Encumbrances and expenditures are up 19% due to placing the chemical order early and costly, equipment repairs. March rounds were down due to wind. Footgolf has been consistent with 120 rounds. Sold 135 player's cards. Mobile app has had 2618 downloads. Webstore has had just over \$19k in sales.

Fivesomes

Hendricks stated that starting April 1, we stopped allowing fivesomes on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There have been a lot of complaints.

Ferris stated that he only supported this due to cart issues and to help pace of play.

Blaske stated that he did not have issues with fivesomes at Tex.

Hendricks stated that it is too soon to revert back to the way it was. He stated that we should try it for the remainder of the year.

Ferris stated that we should try letting the pros use their discretion. Any fivesomes that show up should be told to play within time the course is rated for and be told that they will not be allowed to play again if they don't.

Burch asked if there is a way to keep track of individuals who cannot play again.

Hendricks stated that there is.

Ferris stated that as a committee, they will support giving the pros flexibility on this issue.

Hendricks stated that the pros will discuss this further at their staff meeting next week.

Season Pass and Cart Fee Increases

Hendricks stated that the new fees went into effect last week. We have not had any complaints yet.

Increase Rounds at MacDonald and LW Clapp

Hendricks stated that we have given additional consideration to Schodorf's suggestion to have a senior discount. He asked if we should offer it only at Clapp.

Renard clarified that it would be a discount for seniors that do not have a season pass.

Burch asked if it would be for more than the pass price.

Hendricks stated that it would be for non-pass holders and it would be for more than the season pass green fee. He suggested \$28.

Ferris suggested we should offer it at Clapp and Mac. He also suggested we offer a green fee and cart price, not just cart, for \$29.

Williams stated that he didn't think it would help increase rounds.

Ferris stated that it would be good to offer it on weekends after noon at all the courses as well.

Open discussion

Hendricks stated that the bridge at Clapp has deteriorated further. We have accepted a quote from Dondlinger for \$41k. We were able to ask for emergency funding to expedite the process and were able to get the money from CIP, but this will defer the maintenance for the bridges at Auburn Hills. We are meeting with park maintenance tomorrow to look at the leaking weir at MacDonald.

Ferris asked about the status of fixing the brakes on the carts.

Hendricks stated that Larry Smith has been working with our cart maintenance crews to repair them.

Ferris asked if we were going to get new carts.

Hendricks stated that we will have to wait until later in the year, once we have more funds in our account.

Ferris asked about the plans to go ahead with a driving range at MacDonald.

Hendricks stated that there is a meeting with the mayor and First Tee tomorrow and hopes that that will be part of the discussion.

Ferris stated that he will be meeting with Longwell on Monday as well on another issue and would like to know if Mac is discussed tomorrow. He asked if the driving range balls will be replaced at Auburn Hills.

Hendricks stated that they are replaced every two years.

Williams asked if the junior golf could move down the street a ways on Tuesday and Thursday so they wouldn't be in the way of other golfers.

Hendricks stated that he will have the superintendent mow that area so they will be able to.

Next meeting May 24, 2016